

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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METHOD OF PERMITING GROUP ACCESS TO ELECTRONICALLY STORED IMAGES AND TRANSACTION CARD USED IN THE METHOD

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Preliminary Amendment

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.